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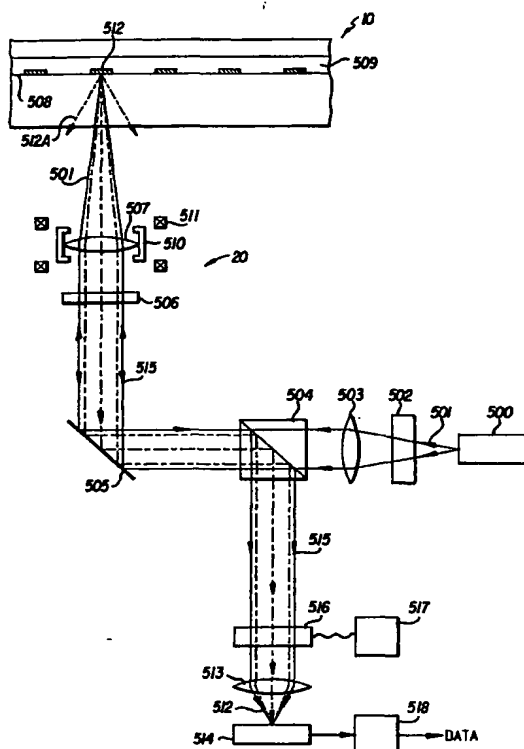
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(54) Title: OPTICAL DATA STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING COMBINED FLUORESCENT THREE-DIMENSIONAL INFOR-
MATION CARRIER



(57) Abstract: A general optical storage system (OSS) contains an optical drive and a fluorescent multilayer disc (FMLD) (10), which can be realized as a multilayer structure with data storage in fluorescent spots like pits or spiral grooves, divided by layers, transparent to reading and fluorescent radiation. The OSS includes a spectrum filter (516) and fluorescent signal reception device (514), capable of reading FMLD, as well as reflective CD and DVD discs (including CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, etc.). Increase of pit width in FMLD and use of microangle mirrors allow increasing information signal. Elimination of FMLD fluorescence lifetime influence on data pulses duration allows increasing data reading rate. The absorption indices of different layers of FMLD were optimized.

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1. Claims: 1-9 22-26

Optical data storage and reading device comprising a multilayer fluorescent information-carrying optical disc, characterised by the type of filter used to spatially separate the reading radiation from the information-carrying radiation.

2. Claims: 10-19

Optical data storage and reading device comprising a multilayer fluorescent information-carrying optical disc, characterised in having a light controlling element for increasing an amount of the information-carrying radiation which reaches the detector.

3. Claims: 20-21

Optical data storage and reading device comprising a multilayer fluorescent information-carrying optical disc, characterised in having a compensating electronic device for compensating for an influence of dye fluorescence lifetime.

4. Claims: 27-44 51

A multilayer hybrid fluorescent optical disc characterised by its structure.

5. Claims: 45-50

Fluorescent composition for a hybrid fluorescent optical disc.

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